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Honorable William L. Dawson  
Chairman, Committee on Government Operations  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In the absence of the Director I am replying to your letter of July 18, 1955, which asks for certain information with regard to each consultant, employee hired without compensation, and employee hired at a nominal compensation. This Agency has no employees serving without compensation or with only nominal compensation. With regard to the utilization of consultants by this Agency, I find myself in a difficult position between the desire to inform you fully and my statutory responsibility for protection of intelligence sources and methods.

The majority of the consultants and experts utilized by this Agency are engaged in aiding on highly classified projects, the security of which would be compromised if their association were known, and many of them themselves would not wish their association with the Government to be publicized. Hence, I am unable to respond with the requested history of individual cases, but will give as fully as possible a summary of our experience. If you yourself wish to discuss any individual cases, we would be glad to give you the information verbally.

In responding to the numbered paragraphs of your letter, our files indicate the following information:

1. Since 1 January 1953 to date we have employed a total of 361 consultants and experts, of which 240 are presently under contract to serve us as the need arises;

2. Of the total employed since 1 January 1953, 310 were paid compensation and 51 were not. Of the 240 presently under contract, 199 are subject to compensation and 41 are to receive no compensation;

3. The majority have been used on an intermittent basis or for short periods of time. Due to the nature of their utilization, as set forth in 7. below, the great majority have normally been utilized in Washington;

4. For those who were compensated, the total compensation has varied, but none has been paid in excess of the statutory limitation of \$50.00 per day, many are paid at lesser rates, and, in general, as stated above, payment has been for intermittent or short periods;

5. Expenses paid in serving away from their homes or place of business, or when travelling at our request has generally been in accord with the standardized Government travel regulations;

6. Statutory authorities for our utilization of experts and consultants are Section 303 of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. 403, and Section 10 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U.S.C. 403j;

7. The services performed are true consultant or expert services. Whether with or without compensation, experts and consultants are not given policy-making or administrative responsibilities with this Agency. Intelligence embraces all fields of knowledge at one time or another, many of which are highly specialized, but not of such constant interest as to require a staff of personnel. Where such fields become of immediate interest, we have found it more effective and economical to call in experts from business, professional or academic fields to consult with us and advise us in carrying out our responsibilities. Thus, by their nature, the services performed are intermittent or of short duration, as stated in 3. above;

8. As indicated in 7., the experts and consultants we have used come from all walks of life. Many have business connections, but many also are in academic life or are self-employed in professional or scientific fields. The qualifications in each case are an outstanding reputation in the field with which we are concerned;

9. Since the great majority are used intermittently or on a very short term basis, they normally continue their regular active business, academic or professional connections while assisting us with their expert advice and consultation.

I trust the foregoing will serve your purposes insofar as this Agency is concerned.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Acting Director

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